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WICHITA, KANSAS, MAN ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH BANK ROBBERY, AREA PHARMACY ROBBERIES AND POSSESSION OF A FIREARM DURING A ROBBERY

WICHITA, Kan. -- United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced today that **Robert Allen Russell, Wichita, Kansas** was charged today by Complaint in U.S. District Court with one count of bank robbery, on count of a crime of violence while in the possession of a firearm, and two counts of robbery from local pharmacies.

According to an affidavit filed in the case, Russell entered the Twin Lakes State Bank on W. 13th Street to purchase gold dollars. When the teller went to retrieve the gold coins Russell demanded all of her money. An off-duty WPD officer was working at the bank during the robbery, was able to obtain the license plate number of the vehicle Russell left in which led WPD to Russell's residence. Upon interviewing Russell he indicated he had robbed the bank by himself and carried a .22 revolver during the robbery. It was also revealed he had recently attempted a robbery of the Walgreen's Pharmacy on N. West Street and The Medicine Shoppe on N. Amidon.

If convicted, Russell faces up to 20 years in prison for the robberies and a maximum of life for robbery with a firearm.

As in any criminal case, a person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. The charges filed merely contain allegations of criminal conduct.